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JOURNEYING WITH THE RCIA CANDIDATES

On Sunday March 11, the RCIA Candidates attended the Rite of Election at St. Paul’s Cathedral. The Rite of Election is the gathering of catechumens who indicate their intent to be baptized by signing the Book of the Elect, and Candidates who are formally recognized as they make a commitment to complete the Sacraments of Initiation. For the following two weeks, the RCIA candidates experienced special rites called scrutinies, which are opportunities for self-searching and repentance. Above all, the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak in the hearts of the candidates and to affirm all that is strong. There are three scrutinies in all and involve opportunities for self-searching and repentance. Above all, the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak in the hearts of the candidates and to affirm all that is strong. There are three scrutinies in all and involve instruction about the mystery of sin, the redeeming work of Christ, and the promise of resurrection and new life. Our Theology on Tap is in Health Care Ethics.

PRAYER FOR THE RCIA CANDIDATES

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CCME REFLECTION

This past Spring Break, several students attended four Cross-Cultural Mission Experiences (CCMEs) to Pineville, W.Va., New Orleans, La., Pittsburgh and Immokalee, Fla. Shannon Dern, a freshman in the Business School, writes that she learned much during the Urban Plunge experience in Pittsburgh. “The things that I saw astonished me. I never realized how many schools were shut down or how many abandoned houses there were. But more importantly, I saw hope in the communities surrounding me. After visiting the Hill District and Hazelwood, I cannot wait to continue to work in these communities in any way possible. I see the potential in these communities, and I really believe that with the right support and materials, we can work with residents to build these communities into something beautiful again. Altogether, the experience truly inspired me and changed my perspective on Pittsburgh as a whole. I am so blessed to have been part of this experience.”

To read about all of the trips, please visit the student blogs kept during the experiences at www.duq.edu/campus-ministry/blogs.cfm.

LENTEN LIBERMAN LUNCHEONS CONTINUE

Please join us for another installment of the Lenten Libermann Luncheon series. This year’s theme focuses on the life and faith of Spiritan Founder Claude Poulart des Places and is presented by Fr. Bernard Kelly, C.S.Sp. The upcoming luncheon topic is: “The disadvantage of being able to see: Choosing the road less travelled, Developments in Paris.” If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Beth Calorie at calorie@duq.edu. If you are unable to attend, all of the luncheons are being webcast and can be viewed at www.duq.edu/campus-ministry.
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Spiritan Campus Ministry Events:

SPIRITAN CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS: Weeks of March 18– March 31, 2012

MONDAY, MARCH 19
St. Joseph’s Day Facilities Mass
7:45 a.m.
Fair Ave
Chapel of the Holy Spirit
RCA

TUESDAY, MARCH 20
Face Behind the Label: Symposium
Power Center Ballroom
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
RCA

Libermann Luncheon Series
Africa Room
Noon

Staff Scripture Sharing
Laval House
Noon 1 p.m.

Chapel Choir
Chapel of the Holy Spirit
4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22
Bible Study
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center
9 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 26
Lenten Lunch
Room 203- Student Union
Noon

Fair Ave
Chapel of the Holy Spirit
RCA


TUESDAY, MARCH 27
Libermann Luncheon Series
Africa Room
Nooon

Staff Scripture Sharing
Laval House
Noon 1 p.m.

Chapel Choir
Chapel of the Holy Spirit
4:30 p.m.

Therology on Tap
Red Ring Restaurant
8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22
Bible Study
Spiritan Campus Ministry Center
9 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
Senior Celebration
Power Center Ballroom
4 p.m.

LENTEN REFLECTION - “GIVING THANKS”

Before Jesus speaks the monumental words, “This is my body, which is given to you” (Luke 22:19), the evangelist writes that Jesus took bread into his hands and gave thanks. This simple description is deeply symbolic.

Taking bread into his hands is a revelation of both the deeper self and the life that he is leading. We can distinguish between who we are and the incarnate life we are living. Bread is the symbol of our incarnate life and hands symbolize our deeper identity, an identity that is able to direct the course of our life. With his life in his hands, Jesus gives thanks for that life.

Some thinkers refer to this as ontological gratitude. We do not give thanks for specific things that have happened to us or specific people who have helped us along the way, although it is important to do that. We give thanks for life itself, no matter what has occurred or what will occur.

It is reminiscent of the prayer of Dag Hammarskjold, “For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes.” It also recalls that witty answer to the catechism question, “Why did God make you?” Answer: “God thought you might enjoy it.”

We are used to counting blessings and curses. We have good days and bad days. We are constantly evaluating, weighing advantages and disadvantages. We are good at staying “on balance…”. However, there is a purer, simpler consciousness available to us.

“Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8

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Sunday, March 18 - Saturday, March 31, 2012

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses
6 p.m., Towers multi-purpose room

Daily Masses
7:45 a.m. & Noon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 18

“For God so loved the world…” Christ wants us to have open eyes and ready hearts so that we can see and then have the freedom to act with justice and love. As we reflect on today’s scriptures, we might reflect on our need to see things in a new way: outside of the box of our culture, outside of the limits of our American way of looking at things, outside of the ideologies of our age.

• 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
• Ephesians 2:4-10
• John 3:14-21

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – March 25

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?” We too may also be troubled by the cost of responding to all this suffering -- the cost of acting up for justice. We may be frustrated by the size of the problems and the difficulty of figuring out what to do. We may be disturbed by the frustration of our failures to do something to fix it all. In what ways is God working through me to help contribute my small part in the world?

• Jeremiah 31:31-34
• Hebrews 5:7-9
• John 12:20-33